



# News Release

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## **State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health home page](#) ([www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov)). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Clallam County**

In December 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program first charged certified nursing assistant **Hope M. Young** (NC10072571) with unprofessional conduct and then immediately suspended her license. The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services found Young abused a vulnerable adult in connection with her treatment of elderly dementia patients. She can't be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

### **Clark County**

In December 2014 **Implants Dentures and Dental Inc.**, doing business as **Half Dental Inc.**, **Half Dental WA Inc.**, **Brandon D'Haenens**, and **Jason McKew** agreed to cease and desist from the unlicensed practice of dentistry. Neither have dentist licenses, which is a requirement for running a dental office in Washington. Half Dental accepted advance payment from patients who were treated or were scheduled to be treated at its Vancouver office.

### **Cowlitz County**

In December 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program placed chemical dependency professional and chemical dependency professional trainee **Steven Michael Morrison** (CP60214192, CO60115692) on probation for three years. Morrison may not provide one-to-one counseling and must complete continuing education in ethics and in maintaining professional boundaries. Morrison didn't divulge a previous sexual relationship with a client, nor did he remove himself from being her counselor. He also misrepresented that another client had completed an alcohol and drug information class that had not been completed.

### **Douglas County**

In December 2014 the secretary of health suspended the credential of home care aide **Pamela Evelyn Baker** (HM60421415) for at least two years. Baker didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

### **Grant County**

In December 2014 the secretary of health denied the application to reactivate the expired registered nursing assistant license of **James Danial Munro** (NA00089068). In 2014 Munro was convicted of residential burglary and third-degree rape with aggravated circumstances-sexual motivation. He didn't respond to a Department of Health request to answer a statement of charges.

### **Island County**

In December 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Carol D. Armstrong**, also known as Carol Armstrong Worrel (NC10077516). Armstrong didn't respond to charges that she used inappropriate language during a confrontation with a patient, and then grabbed the resident's wrist and pushed it down.

### **King County**

In December 2014 the Chiropractic Commission entered into an agreement with chiropractor **Kenneth J. Stanton** (CH00002176) that suspends his license for almost three years. Stanton's license was suspended in 2003 in connection with sexual contact with a patient. Stanton's 2010 reinstatement included conditions on treating female patients. Stanton repeatedly violated those conditions.

In December 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended for at least two years the registered nursing assistant credential of **Suemai Igafo** (NA60480715). This follows an immediate suspension that was issued in November 2014. While working at an assisted living facility, Igafo slapped and cursed at a resident. The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services prohibited her from being employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to

vulnerable adults. Igafo didn't respond to a Department of Health request to answer a statement of charges.

In December 2014 the secretary of health permanently revoked the medical assistant-phlebotomist and certified nursing assistant credentials of **John H. Stephenson**, also known as Sena Yawo Vivie (PC60351378, NC10041477). Stephenson engaged in improper conduct involving a patient, and he used a fictitious name to apply for a license.

In December 2014 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Joyce D. Taylor** (NA60243590) for at least two years. In 2014 Taylor was convicted of one count of first-degree criminal trespass and two counts of second-degree attempted theft.

### **Kitsap County**

In December 2014 the Nursing Commission suspended the registered nurse credential of **Debra G. McNeely** (RN00156589) for at least two years. McNeely told the commission she was addicted to methamphetamine and heroin, and that she'd sought treatment at a methadone clinic. She didn't respond to the commission's request to answer a statement of charges.

### **Pierce County**

In December 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the licensed practical nurse credential of **Lynn Dawn Wagner**, also known as Lynn D. LeTorneau (LP60001091). Wagner didn't comply with a 2013 stipulation that placed her on probation and required her to complete course work in medication administration, patient rights, and stress management.

In December 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Joshua L. Mounts** (NC10069236). While assigned to provide one-to-one observation of a patient during the night shift at Western State Hospital, Mounts fell asleep. The patient took a key card from Mounts, left the ward, and barricaded himself in a closet with a weapon until law enforcement officers subdued him. Mounts didn't respond to a Department of Health request to answer a statement of charges.

In December 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program issued a cease and desist order to **Weixiu Luo**, who has no massage practitioner credential, but charged a patient \$60 to provide massage treatment.

### **Whatcom County**

In December 2014 the secretary of health suspended the home care aide credential of **Cindy Lee Fernley** (HM60326292) for at least two years. Fernley didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In December 2014 the Nursing Assistant and Respiratory Care Practitioner programs first charged registered nursing assistant and respiratory care practitioner **Scott Warren Reed** (NA00084710, LR00001309) with unprofessional conduct and then suspended his licenses. A

vulnerable adult who lived in Reed's home and who depended on Reed and his wife for help with daily activities was taken by emergency services workers to a hospital. She was found to have a stage one pressure sore, urine-soaked clothing, and dried fecal matter on her body. The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services made a finding of neglect. Reed may not be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

### **Yakima County**

In December 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program first charged certified nursing assistant **Maria Fernandez** (NC10055646) with unprofessional conduct and then immediately suspended her license. Fernandez hit a resident at an assisted living facility where she worked. The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services prohibited her from being employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

### **Out of State**

**California:** In December 2014 the Nursing Commission first charged registered nurse **Casey M. St. Martin** (RN00172440) with unprofessional conduct and then immediately suspended his license. In July 2014 the Idaho State Board of Nursing revoked St. Martin's license to practice in that state after he didn't comply with an order to temporarily surrender his license and participate in a program for recovering nurses.

**Utah:** In December 2014 the Pharmacy Commission entered into an agreement with pharmacist **Bryan P. Hepworth** (PH60179103) that suspends his license for at least two years. In 2013 Hepworth pleaded guilty to first-degree negligent driving following an arrest on an original driving under the influence-drugs charge. A blood test after that arrest showed the presence of legend drugs. While working at a pharmacy in 2014 a day after his license expired, Hepworth couldn't process prescriptions in a timely fashion, was sweating profusely, wouldn't make eye contact with others, stumbled when walking, and had difficulty communicating with and counseling patients. As a result of his behavior, Hepworth went to a hospital. While he was changing clothes, pills fell from his pants pockets. Hepworth put those pills and others from his pockets into his shoes, which he wrapped in his shirt. Hospital staff members eventually identified about 215 pills of a variety of controlled substances. Hepworth admitted diverting the pills from his workplace.

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